

REMARKS

In the Docketing Notice, it is stated that no Reply Brief has been filed in the present application. Appellants respectfully disagree. A Reply Brief was timely filed on October 1, 2007, which was within the 2-month period of reply from the Examiner's Answer dated August 23, 2007. In this regard, reference is made to the Office communication dated October 25, 2007, in which it was stated the following:

The reply brief filed on 10/01/2007 and the IDs filed on 09/07/2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Although an Examiner's Answer was also issued on July 13, 2007, this Examiner's Answer was incomplete. Thus, the new and corrected Examiner's Answer was issued on August 23, 2007. Since the Reply Brief was timely filed from the issuance of the corrected Examiner's Answer dated August 23, 2007, Appellants respectfully request that the record be clarified and a new Docketing Notice be issued to reflect that a Reply Brief was timely filed in the present application.

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